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Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I wish to extend to you my very best wishes and those of my colleagues throughout the Intelligence Community for a long, healthful and happy retirement. Your leadership throughout the years has been a vital element in the maintenance of a strong national defense. You have played an enormous role in bringing the intelligence forces of the nation to their present state of effectiveness. We shall never forget you.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner .

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Attached for your signature are retirement letters to several of the key members of the House Appropriations Committee, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and Senate Foreign Relations Committee. We are preparing a few more for other retiring members of the House International Relations Committee.

These letters were prepared by Ed Sherman, [redacted] and [redacted] of my staff.

Frederick P. Hitz